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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1990

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TO: FBI, LIAISON
FROM: C. BOYDEN GRAY
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name HEIGHT, DOROTHY IRENE SSN: 133-26-9805

Date of Birth 03/12/24 Place of Birth Richmond, VA

Present Address 10 Waterside Plaza, Apt. 33-F, New York, NY 10010

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report
_____ Name Check
☒ Expanded Name Check
_____ Full Field Investigation
_____ Limited Update
_____ Other

The person named above is being considered for:

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Attachments:

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Remarks/Special Instructions:

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 8/27/90

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161A-23331)
FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (161A-HQ-R23331) (RUC)
SUBJECT: DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT
EXPANDED NAME CHECK
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BUDED: 8-28-90

REBUTEL 8-22-90.

INDICES

New York Indices Non Derogatory on candidate. Numerous references to her activities in the 1960's, consistent with her biography.

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[] on 8/22/90.

FEDERAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL ACTIONS

EDNY and SDNY negative.

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Dr. Height has received countless awards and honorary degrees for her tireless efforts on behalf of the less fortunate. In January 1989, President Ronald Reagan presented Dr. Height the Citizens Medal Award "for distinguished service to the country".

The Congressional Black Caucus presented Ms. Height the William L. Dawson Award for "decades of public service to people of color and particularly women - paralleling the spirit and work of Congressman Dawson", in 1974. That same year she was honored as "Woman of the Year" in Human rights by the Ladies Home Journal.

Along with Vice President Hubert F. Humphrey, in 1965 she received the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award of the National Council of Jewish Women which is given to persons who "have distinguished themselves in humanitarian causes," and in 1964 she was awarded the Myrtle Wreath of Achievement by Hadassah.

Ms. Height has traveled widely throughout Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Caribbean.

In 1937, as Vice Chairperson of the United Christian Youth Movement of North America, Ms. Height was selected as one of the 10 American youth delegates to the World Conference of Life and Work of the Churches held at Oxford, England. She was the 1939 YWCA representative to the World Conference of Christian Youth held in Amsterdam, Holland. In 1952, Ms. Height served as a visiting professor at the Delhi School of Social work, University of Delhi, India.

In 1974, she was a delegate to the Conference on "Woman and Her Rights" held by UNESCO at Kingston, Jamaica. Dr. Height participated in 1975 tribunal at the International Women's Year Conference of the United Nations at Mexico City.

In addition, to being the recipient of numerous awards, Dr. Height has also been appointed to several Presidential and government Commissions and Boards. In 1962, Dr. Height was appointed by President Kennedy as a member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. In 1966, Dr. Height served on the Council to the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights," and participated in a 12-day Study Mission to Israel by the American Jewish Committee, Institute on Human Relations, and went to Oxford England, as a member of the Anglo-American Conference on Problems of Minority Integration held by the Ditchley Foundation.

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Ms. Height was invited and served as Keynote Speaker for the National Convention of the Black Women's Federation of South Africa held near Johannesburg in September of 1977. Following the conference, she lectured under the auspices of the United States Information Agency at Johannesburg, Durban and Petermaritzberg in South Africa and at Gabarone Bostswana.

In 1980 Dr. Height was appointed by President Carter as a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women held in Copenhagen Denmark

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

National Urban Coalition
Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE)
Keep America Beautiful
A. Philip Randolph Institute Advisory Committee
Children's Defense Fund
Franklin Roosevelt for Freedom's Foundation
Trans Africa
Alliance for Volunteerism - President
National Committee on Household Employment
National Black United Fund
Women in Community Services
Black Leadership Forum

HONORARY DEGREES

1983 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Bowie State College
1982 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Catholic College
1982 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Emmanuel College
1981 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Spelman College
1980 Distinguished Service Medal	-	Barnard College
1977 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Bethune Cookman College
1975 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	New York University
1975 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Smith College
1975 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Howard University
1974 Doctor of Humane Letters Massachusetts	-	University of
1973 Doctor of Civil Laws	-	Pace University
1970 Doctor of Laws	-	Harvard University
1970 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Coppin State College
1967 Doctor of Humane Letters	-	Tuskegee Institute

PUBLICATIONS

Candace Award from National Coalition of 100 Black Women - 100
Top Business and Professional Women - Dollars and Sense
The YWCA's One Imperative: Eliminate Racism, National Board,
YWCA, 1971
Step-by-Step with Interracial Groups, National Board, YWCA, 1955
Taking A Hand In Race Relations, National Board, YWCA, 1951
Job of the Program Director, National Board, YWCA, 1951
The Christian Citizen and Civil Rights, co-authored with J.
Oscar Lee 1947
Fair Practice in Employment - Co-authored with Frances Chalmers,
1948
Frontiers of '47, co-authored, Women's Press, 1947
America's Promise. Integration of Minorities, Women's Press,
1945
The Core of America's Race Problems, Women's Press, 1945
Ebony

OTHER ARTICLES AND PAMPHLETS

Sisters, "Strengthening the African American Family", Summer 1989
American Visions, "Family Reunions: The 1986 Model", Spring 1987
Ebony, "What Must Be Done About Children Having Children"
Spring, 1985
A Time to Listen. Civil Rights and the Mass Media,
Black Woman's Voice, National Council of Negro Women
Columinist for The New York Amsterdam News
The Church Woman
The Journal of Negro Education
The YWCA Magazine
YWCA Program Packets
Perspective World YWCA Magazine

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DOB: 03/12/24

POB: RICHMOND, VA

SSAN: 133-26-9805

CURRENT ADDRESS: 10 WATERSIDE PLAZA *
NEW YORK, NY 10010

EMPLOYMENT:

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SUBJECT: DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT; EXPANDED NAME CHECK; BUDED:
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NAME CHECK OF APPOINTEE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

FIELD OFFICES ARE REMINDED THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE STATUS
OF A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION {BI}, ALL DEADLINES AND THE
POSITION FOR WHICH THE APPOINTEE IS BEING CONSIDERED SHALL NOT
BE DISCLOSED TO ANY INTERVIEWEES. IF DURING THE COURSE OF THE
INVESTIGATION, INTERVIEWEES PROVIDE THE NATURE OF THE POSITION,
THAT INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE FURTHER DIVULGED OUTSIDE THE FBI.
INQUIRIES BY INTERVIEWEES CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE POSITION

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RETURN TO [REDACTED] ROOM 4371

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ARE TO BE HANDLED AS SET FORTH IN MIOG, PART II, SECTION 17-5
{5}. APPOINTEES MAKING INQUIRIES REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR
BI ARE TO BE REFERRED TO THE CLIENT AGENCY.

APPOINTEE HAS DPOB OF MARCH 12, 1924, IN RICHMOND,
VIRGINIA; SSAN 133-26-9805; EMPLOYED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN; RESIDES AT 10 WATESIDE PLAZA,
APARTMENT 33-F, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

LEADS: NEW YORK AT NEW YORK:

{1} SEARCH ALL OFFICE INDICES AND DATA BASES, INCLUDING
ELSUR, RE APPOINTEE, INSURING LOGICAL VARIATIONS OF NAME
SEARCHED.

{2} CONTACT U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE COVERING APPOINTEE'S
RESIDENCE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, FOR
PAST OR PRESENT CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS INVOLVING APPOINTEE.

{3} PROVIDE SUMMARY OF POSITIVE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY VIA
TELETYPE, FOLLOWING SAME WITH AIRTEL ENCLOSING ALL PERTINENT
DOCUMENTS NOT IN POSSESSION OF FBIHQ. PROVIDE NEGATIVE RESULTS
VIA APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION. ALL RESULTS MUST ARRIVE IN SPIN
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EXPANDED NAME CHECK: AUG 30 1990

A search of the records of appropriate United States Attorney's Offices, the central records at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division, the files of appropriate field offices, as well as appropriate computer searches, did not identify any pertinent information identifiable with the subject of this inquiry (based on the data provided) in addition to the results of prior background investigation(s), and/or Expanded Name Check(s), and/or regular name check(s), provided to your office by communication(s)

dated: JAN 6 1989

Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative
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DATE: 08/21/90

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X NAME SEARCHING UNIT, 4989, TL# 121

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SCOPE OF SEARCH: UNRESTRICTED (ADB & INACTIVE INDEX)

TYPE OF SEARCH REQUESTED: ALL REFERENCES (SECURITY & CRIMINAL)

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SUBJECT: * HEIGHT, DOROTHY, IRENE *

AKA(S): *

BIRTHDATE & PLACE: * 03/12/24; RICHMOND, VA *

SSAN: * 133-25-9805 *

CURRENT ADDRESS: 10 WATERSIDE PLAZA *
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IDENT CHECK ROOM 112623 TUBE J1, ATTN: [REDACTED]
FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT, DIV 6, RM 4371, TL114
EXT: 2581 ATTN: PSS [REDACTED]

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CURRENT ADDRESS:

EMPLOYMENT:

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A SEARCH OF THE IDENTIFICATION
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DOROTHY I. HEIGHT

Dr. Dorothy I. Height is the President of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), which is an organization comprised of chartered community sections and national affiliates with an outreach to over four million women. She is an acclaimed leader in the struggle for human rights for all people for over five decades.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Height attended New York University on a scholarship, where she earned the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in four years. She continued advanced studies at Columbia University and the New York School of Social work.

While working as a caseworker for the welfare department in New York, Dr. Height joined the NCNW in 1937 and her career as a pioneer in civil rights activities began to blossom. She served on the national staff of the YWCA from 1944 to 1977 where she directed the District Action Program on Integration. In addition, she served as president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. from 1946 to 1957 before becoming president of the NCNW in 1958.

Working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Philip Randolph and others, Dr. Height participated in virtually all major civil and human rights events in the 1950's and 1960's. Dr. Height also held several government appointments during her career. In 1962 she was appointed by President Kennedy as a member of the President's commission on the "Status of Women". She served as a delegate to UNESCO's Conference on "Women and Her Rights" in 1974, and also served as the official U.S. delegate for the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1980. Dr. Height received the National Urban League Equal Opportunity Day Award in 1982.

A self-help advocate, Dr. Height has been instrumental in the initiation of NCNW sponsored food, child care, housing, and career educational programs that embody self-help principles. Recently, she has shifted the focus of NCNW to fighting economic inequity as well as developing allegations regarding the demise of the Black family. In 1986, she conceived and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration to accentuate the positive aspects of the Black family. Now in its fourth year, the Celebration stresses the historic strengths and value traditions of the Black family and its contributions to American life and culture.

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